COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROCEEDINGS.

(Budget Session of 1100.)

Thursday, the 6th of August 1925.

The seventh meeting of the Budget Session of the Council was held in the Town Hall on Thursday, the 2nd of Karkadagam, corresponding to the 6th of August 1925. The proceedings commenced at 1-30 a. m., the President being in the chair. Messrs. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, Lonappan Chakkola, P. Munda Vaidyan, Paulo Mampilli, E. Simpson and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

President.—We shall begin with Questions and Answers as usual.

Questions and Answers.

Chitrapuzha Thodu.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

80. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table all the papers in connection with the *Thodu* from the Chitrapuzha to the Karingachirapuzha and hence to the backwaters in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, regarding which there were several representations to the Government in the shape of petitions, memorials and deputations, and regarding which there was some correspondence between the Travancore Government and the Cochin Government and some correspondence between the Government of Cochin and the Engineering Department of the State ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

Copies of relevant papers on the subject are laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 1.*)

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

81. Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of reconsidering the Hydro-

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Electric Scheme which was once considered and dropped? Have the Government begun reconsidering? If so, what stage the reconsideration has reached?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The answer to the first part of the question is "No idea at present." The answer to the second part is "No." No answer is necessary to the third part.

Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

82. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the papers in its possession, regarding (iii) Mr. Bhore's Nemmara Irrigation Scheme?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

(iii) The report of the Special Engineer who investigated the Nemmara Irrigation (Pottundi Storage Reservoir) scheme has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer for examination and report. It is not, therefore, possible to lay the papers on the table.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

83. Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has referred the scheme mentioned in 82, (iii) to any experts for opinion and if so, will the Government kindly place the opinions obtained from them on the table?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The question has been referred only to the State Chief Engineer, and his report has not been received.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Will the Government Member in charge kindly state when the question was referred to the Chief Engineer?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The question was referred to him about two years ago.

Canal Department.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR (*Vellarappalli*).

84. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. the gross annual revenue derived from the Canal Department during the last three years; and

ii. the total annual expenditure for the maintenance of the same department during the same period?

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